

Examiner's Amendment and Reasons for Allowance

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kent Stier including a follow-up e-mail on 4/4/09.

3. The application has been further amended as follows:

Claims 21-31 have been cancelled.

Claims 42-51 have been added as follows:

42. A system for displaying shared electronic calendars, the system comprising:

a memory storage; and

a processing unit coupled to the memory storage, wherein the processing unit is operative to:

launch a calendar software application;

obtain a view data object for a first selected calendar;

calculate an amount of space of the view frame required for displaying

each of a selected plurality of calendars simultaneously;

pass the view data object for the first selected calendar to each additional selected calendar of the plurality of calendars, the view data object indicating a view mode corresponding to the first selected calendar;

pass to each selected calendar a position of display in the view frame;

pass to each selected calendar a size of display in the view frame; and

display each selected calendar in the view frame simultaneously in side-by-side orientation and in the view mode indicated by the passed view data object.

43. The system of Claim 42, wherein the processing unit is operative to call each selected calendar by an aggregate view module responsible for displaying all selected calendars simultaneously prior to passing the view data object for the first selected calendar to each additional selected calendar.

44. The system of Claim 42, wherein the processing unit being operative to pass the view data object for the first selected calendar comprises the processing unit being operative to pass display settings of the first selected calendar to each additional selected calendar.

45. The system of Claim 42, wherein the processing unit being operative to pass the view data object for the first selected calendar comprises the processing unit being operative to determine whether the view mode of the first selected calendar requires a display of a time bar.

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46. The system of Claim 45, wherein the processing unit is operative to display a time bar for one of the plurality of displayed calendars when the display of a time bar is required, whereby selection of a particular time position in the time bar displays the selected time position for each displayed calendar simultaneously.

47. The system of Claim 42, wherein the processing unit is operative to, prior to passing the view data object for the first selected calendar to each additional selected calendar,

determine whether the view mode of the first selected calendar requires a display of a scroll bar; and

provide a scroll bar for one of the plurality of displayed calendars, whereby scrolling the scroll bar scrolls all displayed calendars simultaneously when the display of a scroll bar is required.

48. The system of Claim 42, wherein the processing unit is operative to display a date selection control whereby selection of a date from the date selection control displays a calendar position of each displayed calendar corresponding to the selected date simultaneously.

49. The system of Claim 42, wherein the processing unit is further operative to:
display a calendar selection control for selecting one or more calendars for display in the view frame in side-by-side orientation with other calendars presently displayed in the view frame;

wherein in response to selection of an additional calendar for display from the calendar selection control, recalculate an amount of space of the view frame required for displaying each presently displayed calendar plus the selected additional calendar simultaneously in side-by-side orientation;

pass the view data object of the first selected calendar to the selected additional calendar;

pass a display position and display size to all presently displayed calendars and to the selected additional calendar; and

redisplay all presently displayed calendars plus the selected additional calendar simultaneously in side-by-side orientation.

50. The system of Claim 42, wherein the processing unit is further operative to:
receive a selection of one of the plurality of displayed calendars as an active calendar;
communicate any changes in the view mode and display settings for the active calendar to each of the displayed calendars; and
apply any view mode and display settings changes made to the active calendars to all displayed calendars.

51. The system of Claim 42, wherein the processing unit is further operative to:
receive a deletion of a displayed calendar from the view frame;

in response to receiving the deletion of a displayed calendar from the view frame,
recalculate an amount of space of the view frame required for displaying each displayed
calendar minus the deleted displayed calendar;

pass the view data object of the first selected calendar to each displayed calendar
minus the deleted displayed calendar;

pass a display position and display size to all displayed calendars minus the deleted
displayed calendar; and

redisplay all displayed calendars minus the deleted displayed calendar simultaneously
in side-by-side orientation.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art made of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art fails to teach, in combination with the remaining elements:

displaying shared electronic calendars comprising obtaining a view data object
for a first selected calendar, passing the view data object for the first selected calendar
to each additional selected calendar, the view data object indicating a view mode
corresponding to the first selected calendar and displaying each selected calendar in
the view frame simultaneously in side-by-side orientation and in the view mode
indicated by the passed view data object as recited in claims 1, 22 and 32.

Although Pivowar teach a substantial amount of the claimed matters, Pivowar fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Lê Nguyen whose telephone number is **(571) 272-4068**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong, can be reached at (571) 272-4124.

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